

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re the Application of: OHMI, et al.

Serial Number: 09/023,416

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For: FLUID CONTROL APPARATUS

Art Unit: 3753

Examiner: J. Bastianelli



NOTICE OF APPEAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 1, 2000

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated September 1, 1999 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1 to 6.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. A petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the Final Rejection was filed on March 1, 2000.
2. A timely response to the Final Rejection has been filed, as provided in 37 C.F.R. 1.113.
3. Fee -\$300.00 or Small Entity -\$150.00

Enclosed (This paper is filed in triplicate.)

— Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)

Charge to Deposit Account No. 01-2340 (This paper is filed in duplicate.)

In the event this Notice of Appeal is not considered to be timely filed, applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,
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